(c) The US Government has taken due note of our concern and has assured that efforts continue by the consular officers in the US Mission/Posts in India to improve the efficiency of the visa process. They have, however, maintained that business visas, which constitute the principal non-immigrant category of the total visas issued in India, have approval ratings which are much higher than the general visa category.

**Restrictions on bottling and blending units for IMFL/CL in Silvassa in Dadra and Nagar Haveli**

*156. SHRI KANAKSINH MOHANSINH MANGROLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry have issued any orders/instructions to the Union Territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli imposing any restriotions on the setting up of bottling and blending units for IMFL/CL in the approved industrial areas of Silvassa;

(b) if so, what are the salient features of these guidelines/orders/instructions;

(c) whether such orders/instructions would restrict the revenue of the UT administration besides employment to the local community; and

(d) if so, what steps are being taken to revoke/rescind these orders/instructions specially in view of tax holidays provided to this UT administration by Government?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S.B. CHAVAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise, in view of (a) above.

**Review of centre-state relations**

*157. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of liberlization of economy and rapid economic changes with increasing responsibilities of State Governments, a fresh review of Centre-State Relations has been undertaken; and

(b) if so, what decisions have been taken in the light thereof and the steps taken in pursuance of these decisions?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S.B. CHAVAN): (a) and (b) The various aspects of Centre-State relations as brought out in the Sarkaria Commission report are currently being examined by a Sub-Committee of the Inter-State Council. It is expected that the examination of the report would take into account the evolving situation.

**Allotment of STD/ISD/PCO booths to unemployed and handicapped youths in Hyderabad**

*158. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to release one thousand STD/ISD/PCOs to unemployed and handicapped youths in Hyderabad in 1995-96;

(b) if so, what is the status of this proposal; and

(c) whether applications have been received so far, if so the number thereof and how many have been screened?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATION (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) 5433 applications were received which have been screened by the PCO allotment Committee in October, 1995.

Out of these 690 applicants, 549 in Urban and 141 in rural area, have been sanctioned STD PCOs. Rest of the PCOs will be alloted when additional exchange capacity becomes available.

**India's reaction to the execution of human rights activists in Nigeria**

*159. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) What has been India's reaction over the recent summary trials and executions of human rights activists in Nigeria;

(b) apart from its implied endorsement of the action of the Confederation of Commonwealth countries in the expulsion of Nigeria from its membership, whether India is contemplating any diplomatic censure of the incident; and

(c) whether India is mobilising support for its stance from among the Non-aligned Nations especially those from Africa, and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) India is a party to the Queenstown Declaration of Commonwealth Heads of Government of November 11, 19956.

(b) and (c) India greatly values its relations with Nigeria. Government is closely monitoring international reaction to developments in Nigeria.

**Stray cattle impounded by NDMC**

*160. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 54 given in the Rajya Sabha on 2nd August, 1995 and state:

(a) the number of stray cattles impounded in Delhi by NDMC during the last twelve months, month-wise and how many of them were got released on payment by their owners and how many were auctioned publicly and how much revenue was so collected;

(b) whether the menace of stray cattle continues to be the bane of road users despite the offical claims; and

(c) if so, the concrete steps taken to combat the menace once and for all?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S.B. CHAVAN): (a) to (c) Six hundred and sixty-one stray cattle were impounded in NDMC area during the period November, 1994 to October, 1995 as per details give below:—

| Month | Number of cattle impounded |
|---|---|
| 11/94 | 32 |
| 12/94 | 18 |
| 01/95 | 26 |
| 02/95 | 19 |
| 03/95 | 27 |
| 04/95 | 14 |
| 05/95 | 36 |
| 06/95 | 40 |
| 07/95 | 82 |
| 08/95 | 127 |
| 09/95 | 132 |
| 10/95 | 108 |
| **Total:** | 661 |

Ninety three heads of cattle were released to their owners on payment. No cattle was put to auction during this period. A sum of Rs. 57,800/- was collected as fine/removal charges for releasing the 93 heads of cattle impounded in the cattle pound.

Stray cattle on roads are hazardous to traffic and sometimes do cause road accidents.

The New Delhi Municipal Council has a cattle catching squad for catching stray cattle on the roads under its jurisdiction. The squad makes regular rounds of the roads every day and impounds stray cattle. During the preceding three months the number of heads of cattle impounded has treated, due to rigourous enforcement of provisions of Sections